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## Economic Development Assistance Award City of Scranton

Scranton, Pa. April 29, 2016 the City of Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development (OECD) provides direct economic assistance to a new business.

Today, Mayor Courtright presented a check in the amount of \$150,000 to a New Downtown Scranton business Bar Pazzo, Inc. through the City's Business & Industry Loan/Grant program. The assistance will provide additional employment opportunities for Scranton residents while Bar Pazzo opens their operations in its new location located at 131-133 North Washington Avenue in the City.

Mayor Courtright said, "We are very happy that Bar Pazzo has opened its new restaurant within the City of Scranton and will be providing new jobs for our residents. I wish them the very best in their new downtown location and I'm pleased to provide this financial assistance to Bar Pazzo."

Mr. Samuel Agolino owner and partner of Bar Pazzo said, "We appreciate all the time that the city took in working with us on this project, We are very grateful for the assistance and were happy to be in the Downtown."

"Today's actions offer further evidence of our commitment to help businesses grow and generate new job opportunities for Scranton residents," said OECD Deputy Director Tom Preambo. "It is through the effort of public-private partnerships that today's projects are taking place, and we're pleased to support those opportunities."

These efforts are driven by the Scranton's Office of Economic and Community Development, which serves as the city's marketing arm and lead advocate for business growth, jobs and opportunity with a focus on helping grow Scranton's economy.

If you would like information about this topic, please contact OECD at 570-348-4216



From Left to right Kevin Messett from New Seasons Financial, John Tabone, Bar Pazzo Partner, Mayor Bill Courtright, Samuel Agolino, Bar Pazzo Partner and Tom Preambo, Deputy Director of the City of Scranton's OECD.